Whenever complaints of misuse of funds or such other irregularities are received by the centre, they are referred to the concerned State Governments for appropriate action. In certain instances where officials have been found guilty after enquiries by State Governments, they have been suspended from service or even arrested. Such stern action is taken to defer others from indulging in corrupt practices and minimise malpractices. Central Government has, however, not conducted any survey in this regard.

Review of Anti-Poverty Programmes in Gujarat

1655. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken a review in regard to the implementation of various anti-poverty programmes for people living below poverty line in Gujarat State:

(b) if so, the details of outcome thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the same and whether the review will now be carried out and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE Ministry OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (c) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) are two major anti-poverty programmes being implemented by the Government in all over the country including State of Gujarat. For effective implementation, these programmes are reviewed continuously by the Centre and the State Governments. At the Central level, the financial and physical performance of these programmes are reviewed through monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports received from the State Governments. Besides, from time to time, these programmes are also reviewed with the State Secretaries as well as through workshops|seminars organised for the Project Directors of the District Rural Development Agencies|Zilla Parishads to deliberate on various problems in implementation of these programmes for taking necessary remedial measures. For qualitative monitoring of these programmes, the Government has also intorduced an 'Area Officers' scheme which aims to review major programmes in selected districts/States with special reference to quality, timelines and proper achievement of physical & financial targets. At the State level, the schemes are also reviewed by the State Level Co-ordination Committees. Besides, Concurrent Evaluation studies of major rural development programmes are also undertaken from time to time to have in-depth review of major rural development programmes. Based on the findings of these studies, necessary corrective measures are taken-to improve the implementation.

Provisions of OBC Reservation in the Panchayati Raj System

1656. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state in which of the States and Union Territories. reservation for the Other Backward Classes in all the three layers in the Panchayati Raj System has been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): As per information, available, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have provided for reservation of Other Backward Classes in all the three tiers of Panchayates. In addition to this, the State of Goa has also provided reservation for other backward classes only at village level.